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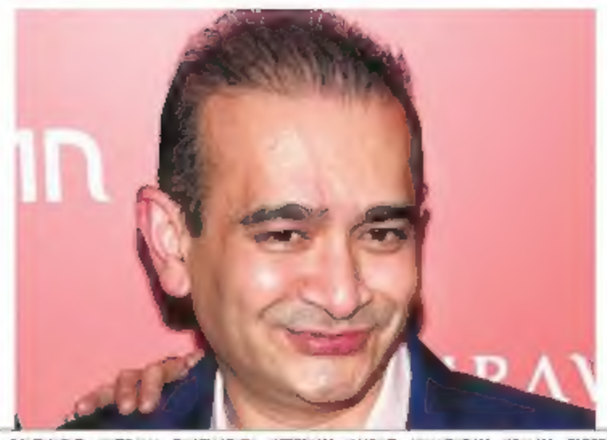

NIRAV MODI LOSES BID TO APPEAL AGAINST EXTRADITION TO INDIA

The London High Court refused to give the fugitive businessman permission to appeal in the UK Supreme Court against extradition. This signals end of the road for Nirav Modi as it limits his legal options to escape extradition. He can now approach the European Court of Human Rights to block his extradition claiming that he will not receive a fair trial in India and that he will be detained in conditions that breach Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights, to which the UK is a signatory | **PTI**

Govt for system change to fill up judicial vacancy

Rijiju rapped for criticising bail hearings in SC

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

UNION law minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday kept up his attack on the collegium system, blaming it for high judicial vacancies, saying the issue will keep cropping up until the procedure of appointment of judges is changed.

He also took a critical view of the Supreme Court taking up all bail applications and "frivolous PILs", claiming it will add to its burden, which drew sharp comments from legal eagles.

On the collegium system, he said in the Rajya Sabha, "The government has no right to find new names for appointment of judges except the names that have been recommended by the collegium.... I have requested Supreme Court and high court judges to ensure that names of quality judges are sent, and that they include names of women and those belonging to various castes."

The minister recalled that in 2015, Parliament passed the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act to reform the system to appoint judges. But the SC struck it down some months later.

Till September 9, the government had appointed 165 HC judges, the highest in a calendar year so far. "Government has recently referred back 20 names to Supreme Court Collegium recommended for appointment as High Court judges....Against 331 vacancies, at present, 147 proposals received from High Courts are at various stages of processing between the Government and the Supreme Court Collegium," he said.

Sibal poser

"Rijiju alleged said: Supreme Court must not take up bail pleas ....Does he even know the meaning of liberty?" senior advocate Kapil Sibal tweeted

Reacting to Rijiju's comment on bail applications, Congress MP Manish Tewari said, "Obviously Law Minister Kiren Rijiju had other pressing preoccupations in Law School other than Law. He perhaps has never read Justice Krishna Iyer's seminal treatise - bail not jail is the rule."

"Forget NJAC, Govt wants to micromanage judiciary: cut vacations, no priority to bail, et al. What next?" senior advocate Salman Khurshid wondered.

Indian's breakthrough paves way for Sanskrit-learned computers

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

RISHI Atul Rajpopat (27), PhD scholar from St John's College, Cambridge, just solved a 2,500-year-old grammar problem in the ancient Sanskrit texts written by 5th-century BC scholar and philologist Panini, that had perplexed traditional and modern researchers all these centuries. A major implication of his breakthrough is that now the algorithm that runs Panini's grammar can potentially teach this grammar to computers.

Mumbai-born Rajpopat's PhD thesis, published on Wednesday in the journal Apollo — University of Cambridge Repository and titled 'In Panini We Trust: Discovering the Algorithm for Rule Conflict Resolution in the Ashtadhyadyi', has decoded a two-and-a-half-millennia-old algorithm which for the first time has made it possible to accurately use Panini's 'language machine' in his famous Ashtadhyayi.

Rishi Atul Rajpopat | UNIV OF CAMBRIDGE

Speaking exclusively to The New Indian Express, Rajpopat said Panini's Ashtadhyayi has around 4,000 rules (sutras) that describe the structure of Sanskrit. "He has given one metarule (a rule that governs the application of other rules) — '1.4.2 vipratisedhe param karyam' — to help us decide which rule should be applied in the event of 'rule conflict'. But the problem in the last 2,500 years has been that scholars misinterpreted this metarule and added more metarules with grammatically incorrect results," he explained.

Often, two or more of Panini's rules are simultaneously applicable at the same step, leaving scholars to agonise over which one to choose.

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File FIRs in accidents due to bad roads: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the police department to not hesitate or avoid registration of First Information Report (FIR) when any citizen approaches the jurisdictional police station with a complaint of serious injury or death caused due to potholes and bad condition of roads.

"We are permitting to implead the Home Department as a respondent in the backdrop of certain news reports that even though the citizens approach the police authorities for registering FIRs on account of serious injury or death caused due to bad condition of roads and potholes, the police authorities in most cases are neither responding to the citizens nor are filing FIRs", said a division bench of Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice Ashok S Kinagi in an order passed after hearing a PIL filed by Vijayan Menon and three others from Koramangala, in 2015.

Referring to its earlier order, dated February 6, 2020, in which it stated that the citizens are entitled to seek compensation when there is loss of life of injury caused due to the poor condition of roads, the high court directed the BBMP to submit a response with data on whether such representations seeking compensation were received, the number of such representations or any compensation awarded on receipt of such representations.

EXPRESS READ

GoM on online gaming submits report to FM

New Delhi: The panel of state ministers set up by the GST Council to look into taxation of online gaming and casinos submitted its report to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. **P13**

India test-fires Agni-V ballistic missile

New Delhi: India on Thursday successfully test-fired the nuclear-capable Agni-V ballistic missile, having a range of over 5,000 km, boosting the country's strategic deterrence. **P9**

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Will use my strengths for the party, says Yediyurappa | P4

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Hooch tragedy: Nitish blames drinkers for deaths | P10

France scale Morocco wall, to face Argentina in final

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France's Kylian Mbappe consoles Morocco's Achraf Hakimi | AP

THIS is what France do. They give out the illusion that they are struggling but still manage to win games. Against Morocco they were strictly second best for the majority of the game but still managed to eke out a 2-0 win to advance to a fourth World Cup final since 1998 (2-1 record in finals).

Les Bleus were one of the favourites and they have lived up to that billing. If 2018 was all about SufferBall — focusing on defensive solidity and structure above expansive football — this WC has been about winning all the big moments and adapting to life without Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante. Coach Didier Deschamps had to repurpose Antoine Griezmann who has come out trumps as a playmaker. To be fair, if awards were given out on the basis of actual contribution and not just goals, Griezmann would be firmly in the running for Golden Ball. In their 2-0 win over Morocco, France broke two things. Morocco's defence as well as hearts of millions.

When fans celebrated France's win, they joined in celebrating Morocco's dream run too. Saturday will give them an opportunity to take a crack at destiny when they play Croatia for a third place. For France, the goal is higher — beat Lionel Messi-possessed Argentina to become the first nation since Brazil to retain the Cup. Kylian Mbappe vs Messi will be more than just a clash. It will be nervy and emotional. **P15**

LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO
P68 - THE MAHARASHTRA PAVILION
AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM 2023 IN
DAVOS
from 16th - 20th JAN 2023
Shri Narendra Modi
Hon. Prime Minister, India
Shri Eknath Shinde
Hon. Chief Minister, Maharashtra
MAHARASHTRA
LEADS INDIA'S
TEXTILE
INDUSTRY
Shri Uday Samant
Hon. Minister of Industries, Maharashtra
Shri Devendra Fadnavis
Hon. Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra
MAHARASHTRA PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN INDIA'S REMARKABLE EMERGENCE AS A GLOBAL POWERHOUSE IN TEXTILES & APPAREL PRODUCTION.
No.1 Cotton producer in the country with 101 lakh bales of production in 2020-21
Maharashtra textiles & garments sector contributes to 12% share to India's output
Maharashtra has the highest area under cotton cultivation of 45.44 lakh hectares
Maharashtra textiles & garments sector contributes to 16% share to India's exports
2nd highest employment generator in the state after agriculture
Leading producer of Cotton, Silk and Bamboo among other fibers
THE STATE HAS IDENTIFIED TEXTILES MACHINERY MANUFACTURING AS ONE OF THE THRUST SECTORS.
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Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister, Govt. of India
DEPARTMENT OF
HANDLOOM & TEXTILES
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
Sri Basavaraja S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka
Nekara Samman Scheme
(For handloom weavers)
Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of Rs. 5,000 each to Individual Handloom Weavers' Bank Account.
"Nekara Samman" - Scheme to support handloom weavers in financial distress.
Annual Financial assistance to registered handloom weavers under "Nekara Samman Scheme" increased to Rs. 5,000/- from Rs. 2,000/-. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to 46,864 handloom weavers' Bank Account released today.
Shri Shankar B. Patil Munenakoppa,
Minister of Handloom and Textile and Sugar Department at one of the handloom weaver's site.
Hon'ble Chief Minister will initiate the transfer of Annual Financial assistance of Rs. 5,000/- each by Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to 46,864 handloom weavers' Bank Account amounting to Rs. 2343.20 Lakhs.
Date : 16.12.2022, Friday, Time : 10.00 A.M.
Venue : Hon'ble Chief Minister's Home Office 'Krishna'
Shri T.H.M. Kumar, IAS
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Secretary to Govt. (MSME, Mines & Textiles)
Department of Commerce and Industry,
Government of Karnataka
As is enshrined in our Constitution, "to value and preserve the rich heritage of our composite culture" - is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.